

Reynolds-Lawrence House
North Kingstown, Rhode Island
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REYNOLDS-LAWRENCE HOUSE
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North Kingstown Township
Rhode Island

Owner: Thomas L. Matteson.

Date of Erection: Later than 1713 (see following pages);
about 1683 (see index card).

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and cellar.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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There seems to be little historical evidence available concerning this house; the dates of the additions were obtained from the present occupant, Mrs. Ann M. M. Lawrence.

The present dining room was built in 1854 and the kitchen added in 1854; further alterations added a library in 1897 and porches in 1927. These additions have destroyed much of the form of the original house.

In 1713, on June 12th, Joseph Reynolds sold the land, with houses and other buildings to Jonathan Hill. The investigation of the present house shows that it could not have been one of those mentioned in the deed. From Jonathan Hill the land went to his son, Thomas Hill, died 1769. From Thomas Hill to Caleb Hill, died 1805; from Caleb Hill to Caleb Hill, died 1825; from Caleb Hill to Thomas Hill, died 1879; from Thomas Hill to Anna Hill, who married Syril Matteson. Anna Matteson, died 1910, deeded 1901 to her son, Thomas L. Matteson, who still owns the property.

It is occupied by his daughter, Ann M. M. Lawrence, wife of Dana Lawrence.

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From the evidence of the building itself the house is later than 1713. Hill probably used a house built probably by John* Reynolds 1684, and built the present house perhaps 1840 on an old site.

* Joseph afore-mentioned ?

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